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POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND AS DESCRIBED
BY ZILLIACUS TO "KLARA"
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[2-part message complete]

(Part 1) To VIKTOR[1].

To 8th Department.

ZILLIACUS[TAILLIAKUS](11), who arrived from FINLAND on
5th January, told "KLARA"[iii] the following:

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The Finnish Government [OK has no intention] of capitulating or making way for another government. It intends to carry on the struggle against the USSR until the Americans complete the invasion of Europe and take on the defence of Finnish interests vis-à-vis the USSR. The Government itself considers this to be a slim chance, since the Americans are not promising anything of the kind, but this is the only chance so far as the members of the Government

[17 groups unrecovered]

in [x] SWED. . . the only member of the Government who could be described as being in opposition and as being capable of bringing about capitulation is [OK(V&L'ED)] [iv]. Opposition

[31 groups unrecovered]

[OK in recent days]

[OK in recent days] the Army has suffered enormous losses

[59 groups unrecoverable]

Parliamentary opposition consists in the name of the Social-Democratic [OK groups unrecovered], Swedish People's Party,

[11 groups unrecovered]

from the Swedish People's Party [2 groups unrecovered]. The only speaker in Parliament is [OK(FURUE)] [i]. Of the nine members of the governing body [OK(V&L'ED)] of the Social-Democratic Party the following represent the opposition: the former Minister Eino PUKKILA [OK(V&L'ED)] [viii], KATO [viii], Sylvia [OK(V&L'ED)] [ix], [OK(V&L'ED)] [ix] and Gunnar ANDERSSON [OK(V&L'ED)] [ix]. [OK(V&L'ED)] [ix] groups unrecovered, Minister Eino PUKKILA [OK(V&L'ED)] [ix],

[20 groups unrecovered]

the opposition: remainder - TANNER, SALOVAARA [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii], SEINIO-KIEMI [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii], and SALONEN [xiv] - form the reactionary nucleus of the controlling body. The active [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii] unrecovered opposition also includes [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii], [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii], [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii]. The opposition consists of intellectuals, has no contact with the masses and does not have a leader of its own. Its activity is limited to the distribution of an illegal [OK(V&L'ED)] [xii] and to speeches in Parliament, which, however, remain unknown to the masses.

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[Part II]

[2 groups unrecovered];

The programme of the Social-Democratic Party [7 groups unrecovered];

1. Military

[34 groups unrecovered]

troops from FINL D.

3. From 1938 to 1939 and the allies that [2 groups unrecovered] seek a way both to peace and to friendly relations with RUSSIA. [3 groups unrecovered]; [3 groups unrecovered] SEES type government could establish relations with the USSR similar to Soviet-Czechoslovak relations[d. RUSKINI[xvi], who was formerly sympathetic towards and in touch with the opposition, [5 groups unrecovered], [1 group unrecovered] in view of the fact that the opposition does not believe in its[e] future and considers that RUSSIA is not and will not be interested in it[e]. Unless RUSSIA adopts a favourable attitude, there is no [2 groups unrecovered] of success. RUSSELL, in his opinion, will rely on another [1 group unidentified](f). There is also the organised opposition of the Communists and the opposition movement of the liberal and left-radical [1 group unidentified](f). The latter is headed by the lawyer PERHALLA[xvii]. They advocate an exclusively pro-Russian line and make no [3 claims] to "[4 groups unrecovered]", [3 groups unrecovered] or to [1 group unrecovered] FINLAND(SUN I), which the Social-Democratic opposition, as a 'vitally important' [4 groups unrecovered] and Russian [C bases]. [5 groups unrecovered] in the final analysis solve the Finnish question according to the Baltic States' [1 group unrecovered]. All the opposition trends are divided

[10 groups unrecovered]

parliamentary opposition. VUORI[xviii], the Secretary of the Trades Unions, is, as before, a supporter of FINL, but [3 groups unrecovered] considering the position of FINLAND now to be [3 groups unrecovered] members.

KILPI

[31 groups unrecovered].

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[39 groups unrecoverable]

and ZILLIACUS.

Note: 2.'s[?] information can be trusted. He described the position in FINE to KL as he himself sees and assesses it.

No. 14 VALSPLM[?] (mix)

- Notes:
- (a) Or "it".
 - (b) This decrypts to "journalists" and it has been assumed that "journal", which is the next group in the code book, was intended.
 - (c) These two groups presumably represent a preamble e.g. "Continuation of telegram No. 14" or "Further to telegram No. 14".
 - (d) The S.W.F. government signed a 20-year Treaty of Alliance with the USSR on 12th December 1943.
 - (e) Not clear to what "it" refers.
 - (f) The same unidentified group occurs in both positions.

- Comments:
- (i) VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. VIKTOR.
 - (ii) ZILLIACUS: Possibly Doctor Laurin ZILLIACUS, member of the Social Democratic Party of Finland.
 - (iii) KL R. 3
 - (iv) ALDEN: Lt. Gen. Carl Rudolf ALDEN, non-party, Minister of Defence in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
 - (v) TANNER: Väinö Alfred TANNER, Social Democrat, Minister of Finance in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
 - (vi) FURUNJELM: Prof. Ellis Ragnar FURUNJELM, member of the Finnish Parliament.

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Comments

- (Cont'd): [xvii] The lawyer PERKALA: / Possibly Eino PERKALA, judge; brother of Mauno PERKALA (cf. Comment (vii)).
- [xviii] VOORI: / Arne VOORI, Social Democrat, became Minister of Transport in the Finnish (PULSIVI) Government.
- [xix] VILKIN: / Vasilij Fedorovich R ZIN.

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Comments

[Cont'd]: [vii] Eino PERKKALA: ✓

Presumably sent in error for Kauno PERKKALA (brother of Eino PERKKALA, cf. Comment [xvii]), Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament, former Minister; editor-in-chief.

[viii] JETTO: ✓

Josko William JETTO, Social Democrat.

[ix] Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI: ✓

Member of the Finnish Parliament; M.A. Phil.; wife of Eino KILPI (cf. Comment [xi]).

[x] Gunnar ANDERSSON: ✓

Sven Gunnar ANDERSSON, Social Democrat, member of Finnish Parliament; solicitor.

[xi] Eino KILPI: ✓

Juho Eino KILPI, Social Democrat; editor-in-chief of "SUOMEN SOCIAALI DEMOKRATIA"; husband of Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI (cf. Comment [ix]).

[xii] SAICOLA: ✓

Väinö Veikko SAICOLA, Social Democrat, Minister of Communications and Public Works in the Finnish (LINDBERGS) Government.

[xiii] Oskari KIVIMÄKI: ✓

Oskar Brynol KIVIMÄKI, Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament.

[xiv] AALTONEN: ✓

Aleksai AALTONEN, Social Democrat, Minister of Social Welfare in the Finnish (LINDBERGS) Government.

[xv] WILHELM: ✓

Aatos Kasimir WILHELM, member of the Finnish Parliament; editor-in-chief of "ARBEIDSBLEDET".

[xvi] PÄÄSKIVI: ✓

Juho Kusti PÄÄSKIVI, non-Party, formed a new Government on 17th November 1944.

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